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 TAGS: AORC, OIC, PREL, MO
 SUBJECT: KING HASSAN'S OBSERVATIONS ON OIC SUMMIT

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2. SUMMARY: MOROCCO'S KING HASSAN II RECEIVED 8-MEMBER CODEL IN CASABLANCA ON JANUARY 12 LED BY CONGRESSMAN LANTCS OF CALIFORNIA AND WINN OF KANSAS. THE CODEL WAS RECEIVED IN THE NEW CONGRESS WING OF THE ROYAL PALACE IN CASABLANCA WHERE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE SUMMIT WILL BE HELD BEGINNING JANUARY 16. THE KING'S WILLINGNESS TO TAKE TIME OUT ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE OIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING WAS AN IMPORTANT INDICATION OF HASSAN'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN GOOD COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE CONGRESS. THIS CABLE REPORTS KING'S REMARKS PERTAINING TO THE SUMMIT. END SUMMARY.

3. WHEN QUESTIONED BY CODEL MEMBERS ON PROSPECTS FOR THE OIC SUMMIT, THE KING RESPONDED THAT IT WILL BE ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT EVER HELD. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE OIC WAS NOT CREATED TO BE A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION BUT RATHER TO FOCUS ON CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GOALS WHICH ARE OF TRADITIONAL CONCERN TO THE MUSLIM NATIONS. BUT, HE ADDED, THIS CONFERENCE IS FULL OF POLITICAL PROBLEMS. KING HASSAN SAID THAT HE WAS ASHAMED TO ADMIT THAT HE WAS COUNTING VERY MUCH ON THE ASIAN AND AFRICAN MEMBERS OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE TO HELP THE ARAB MEMBERS EXERCISE WISDOM. WHEN QUESTIONED SPECIFICALLY AS TO WHAT THE CONFERENCE COULD ACHIEVE WITH RESPECT TO THE IRAN/IRAQ CONFLICT, HASSAN STATED THAT IT WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO PRODUCE A ONE-SIDED RESOLUTION. HE SAID THAT THE CONFERENCE MUST MAINTAIN AN EVEN HANDED APPROACH TO THE ISSUES IN ORDER TO BE OF FUTURE SERVICE IN HELPING TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE.

4. DURING THE COURSE OF HIS REMARKS ON THE MIDDLE EAST THE KING STATED SPECIFICALLY THAT PLO LEADER ARAFAT AND JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN WOULD MEET DURING THE OIC SUMMIT AND THAT IT WOULD BE A WORKING SESSION, NOT JUST A PROTOCOLARY MEETING. IF THE KING WAS IN ANY DOUBT OF HUSSEIN'S ATTENDANCE HE DID NOT SHOW IT. (COMMENT: THE OFFICIAL MOROCCAN PRESS ANNOUNCED ONLY ON JANUARY 13 THAT KING HUSSEIN WOULD BE REPRESENTED

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AT THE SUMMIT BY CROWN PRINCE HASSAN. END COMMENT.)
HE REITERATED HIS BELIEF THAT THE PALESTINIANS AND THE
JORDANIANS CAN COOPERATE AND THAT ARAFAT RECOGNIZES
THE KING'S PRIMACY IN THIS RELATIONSHIP.

5. THE KING'S ATTENTION TO THE CODEL ON THE DAY THAT
THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE OIC OPENED IN RABAT IS
A PARTICULARLY STRONG REMINDER OF MOROCCO'S DESIRE
TO KEEP OPEN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND
THE FREE WORLD IN GENERAL. HASSAN SPENT AN HOUR AND
A HALF IN DIRECT DIALOGUE WITH THE CODEL, AND A MAJOR
PORTION OF THE MOROCCAN CABINET SPENT AN ADDITIONAL
FOUR HOURS WITH THE CONGRESSMEN DURING THE DAY. THE
KING HIMSELF CONDUCTED A GUIDED TOUR OF THE CONFERENCE
SITE FOR THE CODEL MEMBERS BEFORE BIDDING THEM FAREWELL.

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